



PRESS RELEASE

FROM VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 22 JULY 2013

SUBJECT: WINTER GARDENS

Mayor Steve Stubbings and Town Clerk David Bartlett met with the Hambrough Group for an hour at the Council Offices last Friday to discuss the delayed development of the Winter Gardens and the local consequences of it.

The Group shared their disappointment that their original intention of building work starting in November 2012 had been undermined by substantial unanticipated developments, including: delays to planning permission, the need to spend very substantial sums on ground surveys and related studies and the loss of two lead chefs in rapid succession.

The Mayor explained the concerns felt in the town and asked that as a clear sign to residents and visitors alike the Hambrough's project to secure a future for the iconic building is work in progress, and as additional protection to local children and young people, the site be protected by an appropriate hoarding carrying images of the completed project.

The Group told us this would be given priority alongside a commitment to work more closely together as the development continues.

We look forward to closer contact with and communication about the coming developments through contact with the Hambrough's Operations Manager, Johanna Rogers.